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1. A WOMAN CAMBODIAN REFUGEE AT TRAS PAGODA IN TINH BIEN, CHAU DOC, TOLD VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS FEBRUARY 22 THAT, A DAY OR TWO PREVIOUSLY, SHE HAD SPOKEN WITH A WOMEN FROM KIRIVONG DISTRICT TOWN, TAKEO PROVINCE, CAMOBIDA, WHO SAID SHE HAD COME TO TINH BIEN TO BUY BREAD FOR AN AMERICAN HELD CAPTIVE BY THE

KHMER ROUGE IN KIRIVONG. THE VISITOR ALLEGEDLY TOLD THE REFUGEE WOMAN THAT THE KHMER ROUGE IN KIRIVONG ARE ALSO HOLDING A JAPANESE. THE JAPANESE, THE WOMAN SAID, CAN EAT RICE BUT THE AMERICAN CANNOT.

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2. KIRIVONG DISTRICT TOWN IS ABOUT 18 KILOMETERS WEST OF
TINH BIEN AND CONNECTED WITH IT BY ROAD. THE TOWN LIES IN
AN AREA CONTROLLED BY THE KHMER KRAHMOM (KK) FACTION OF THE
KHMER COMMUNISTS. THE KK, WHO ARE ANTI-SIHANOUK AS WELL AS
ANTI-VIETNAMESE, HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY SEVERE IN THEIR EFFORTS
TO CONTROL THE LOCAL POPULATION. THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
IN CLASHES WITH NVA UNITS IN THE KIRIVONG AREA FOR SOME
MONTHS. THERE HAS BEEN NO GKR MILITARY OR ADMINISTRATIVE
PRESENCE IN THIS PART OF SOUTHERN CAMBODIA SINCE MAY 1973.
(SEE CAN THO A-008 FOR DETAILS.) LEHMANN END QUOTE
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